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SUBJ: ZAPU COMMENTS ON NEGOTIATIONS AND LATEST DENTENTIONS

1. JULY 2 EDITION OF "THE ZIMBABWE PEOPLE'S VOICE" PUBLISHED BY ZIMBABWE AFRICAN PEOPLE'S UNION (ZAPU), CARRIED TWO ARTICLES OF INTEREST ON RHODESIA. LEAD EDITORIAL COMMENTED ON THREE ASPECTS OF THE CURRENT PEACE INITIATIVE, THE ECONOMIC FUND, COMMONWEALTH PEACE-FORCE, AND LAW AND ORDER DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD. ON SUBJECT OF ECONOMIC FUND, ZAPU REJECTED "ANY ECONOMIC ARRANGEMENT MEANT TO BUY OFF OUR LAND FROM US...(OR) ANY ARRANGEMENT AIMED AT NEUTRALIZING OUR INTERNATIONALIST COMMITMENT TO THE TOTAL LIBERATION OF AFRICA" AND STATED THAT "A GOVERNMENT OF THE MASSES OF ZIMBABWE SHALL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY AGREEMENT BASED ON SUCH AN ECONOMIC FUND." ADDRESSING ISSUE OF A COMMONWEALTH PEACE-KEEPING FORCE, ZAPU SAID "WE ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ANY OUTSIDE FORCE BEING STATIONED IN ZIMBABWE AT ANY STAGE OF

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OUR POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT." ON SUBJECT OF LAW AND ORDER, ZAPU CLAIMED THAT PATRIOTIC FRONT "SHOULD AND SHALL" BE RESPONSIBLE FOR POLICE, ARMY, CIVIL AND JUDICIARY. EDITORIAL ENDS WITH NOTE THAT "WE DARE NOT LOAN POWER FOR WHICH WE ARE FIGHTING TO SOMEBODY ELSE. WE ARE FIGHTING FOR THAT POWER."

2. SECOND ARTICLE OF INTEREST IS ON LATEST ZAPU DETENTIONS IN ZIMBABWE. ZAPU PUBLICATION ALLEGED THAT EXECUTIVE MEMBERS JOHN CHIRISA AND CLEMENT MOYO ARE AMONG MORE THAN 100 DETAINEES, MOST OF WHO HAVE BEEN SENT TO WHA WHA CAMP OUTSIDE GWELO. ZAPU SAID "INFORMED SOURCES" HAVE REVEALED THAT DETENTIONS ARE PRELUDE FOR A BRITISH-APPROVAL INTERNAL SETTLEMENT BETWEEN SMITH, SITHOLE, AND MUZOREWA. AMONG OTHER ARTICLES, "VOICE" REPRINTED CLIPPINGS FROM SOUTH AFRICAN "RAND DAILY MAIL" WHICH COVERED A GUERRILLA ATTACK ON WHITE RHODESIAN FARMERS AND UK REP TO UN IVOR RICHARD'S STATEMENT THAT SMITH CANNOT WIN WAR.

3. COMMENT: NOTABLE OMISSION IN LEAD EDITORIAL IS ANY REFERENCE TO US EITHER IN CURRENT PEACE INITIATIVE OR PROPOSED ECONOMIC FUND FOR ZIMBABWE. OTHER THAN SMITH AND OCCASIONAL ALLUSION TO SOUTH AFRICA, BRITISH ARE EXCLUSIVE TARGET IN THIS ISSUE.  
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